

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING DECEMBER 27, 2005

The Hall County Board of Supervisors met December 27 , 2005, by published call in the county board meeting room, 121 South Pine, Grand Island.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pamela Lancaster.

INVOCATION - Invocation was given by Chairman Lancaster.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

ROLL CALL - Present on roll call were Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Richard Hartman, Bob Humiston, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster and Robert Rye. Also present was a representative from the *Grand Island Independent* and Deputy County Attorney Michelle Oldham.

CONSENT AGENDA – Eriksen made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the following by consent agenda:

1. Accept and place on file the minutes of the December 13 meeting
2. 5a set the bid opening for box culverts on January 24, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.
3. 24 Accept and place on file the Hall County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts
4. 25 Accept and place on file communications as received.

Discussion was held on item 6 to designate county newspapers for 2006. Hartman requested not to do this as a consent agenda item.

6 DESIGNATE COUNTY NEWSPAPERS FOR 2006 – Hartman expressed concern using the *Grand Island Independent* as a designated newspaper. Eriksen made a motion and Arnold seconded to approve the following as designated newspapers:

Grand Island Independent	Grand Island, Nebraska
The Cairo Record	Cairo, Nebraska
Doniphan Herald	Doniphan, Nebraska
Wood River Sunbeam	Wood River, Nebraska

Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and Hartman voted no. Motion carried.

COUNTY ATTORNEY – No items listed

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Chairman Lancaster called for public participation and no one responded.

8 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON LETTER FROM ACCOUNTABILITY AND DISCLOSURE – Lancaster stated that a complaint was filed regarding the open meeting law and a response will be filed with the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission. The Hall County Attorney's Office felt that this was a conflict of interest for them and outside counsel was hired. The board has received a letter back from Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure. A letter was sent and now the board has two options they can take 1. no further action or 2 the Board can submit a complaint to the commission and have it investigated on all sides.

Eriksen stated that the County Board tries to conduct business in a professional manner and this may be the opportunity for more guidance. He suggested that the board go ahead and request counsel to submit a formal complaint.

Eriksen made a motion and Arnold seconded to request counsel to submit a formal complaint.

Arnold one problem was the lack of information in a timely manner and clarification is needed to see if there is a way this could be handled.

Jeffries questioned Deputy County Attorney Michelle Oldham why this was sent to the Nebraska Accountability Disclosure Commission and she stated that they did not handle this but the attorney may have filed it with the commission. She stated that the County Attorney felt this would be a conflict of interest and forwarded this information. He questioned what would be gained and if there would be any answers?

Eriksen stated that he would hope that they would comeback and indicated what action should have been taken the board needs guidance going forward, Lancaster stated that it is important the board get some guidance so this does not come up again.

Hartman questioned if he sold cattle or land if this would be a personal gain and does this have to be reported.

Eriksen called for the question. Arnold, Eriksen Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes. Humiston voted no and Hartman abstained.

9 DISCUSS AND APPROVE LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN BOSSELAMN INC AND HALL COUNTY FOR WIRELESS TOWER INSTALLATION – Doug Drudik was present these are the standard wireless agreements with the two Bosselman locations. These locations are for the public safety wireless network. Mr. Drudik stated that these are like the rural sites that the county is using.

Arnold made a motion and Rye seconded to authorize the chair to sign the wireless agreements. Arnold stated that the County has received good cooperation from the businesses and because there are not enough public sites available the private sector has stepped forward offering sites. Jeffries questioned if these were existing towers and Doug state that they were.

The vote on the motion to approve the agreements was taken. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

10 DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION O RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE HALL COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN – Lancaster stated that there are still some questions regarding this issue and Deputy County Attorney Michelle Oldham wants to review it further before any action is taken. Lela Lowry Emergency Management Director was present. She stated that this is an executive order and through NIMS, the National Incident Management System, it is required that the county is included in this training.

Jeffries questioned if the county people were included and Ms. Lowry said that it will affect all county employees.

Arnold stated that the NIMS training can be taken on line but Ms. Lowry has held classes and several of the supervisors have attended them. Arnold noted that during the Katrina disaster some of the concerns of the management of the situation were apparent.

Eriksen questioned if this training lays out a chain of command and Ms. Lowry stated that it is a format that is used but it depends on the type of disaster.

Lancaster stated that this will be referred to the County Attorney and it will be addressed at the next meeting.

11 DISCUSS DONATION FROM CITIZEN FOR PUBLIC SAFETY – The citizens for Public Safety committee received \$20,000.00 in campaign funds for the jail bond issue and there was \$703.21 left. The board received a check and a letter from the Treasurer Jerry Janulewicz, requesting to use these dollars to purchase furnishings for the public waiting area in the new jail.

Hartman questioned if there were dollars included for the remodeling of the old jail. There were \$500,000.00 for this purpose and there are dollars in the Building and Land Improvement fund also. A new line item will be added to this fund so these dollars can be used.

Arnold made a motion and Eriksen seconded to accept the excess campaign funds and use them for the purchase of furnishings for the new jail. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

12 DISCUSS REGISTRATION AND FILLING VACANCY TO HALL COUNTY WEED BOARD – Humiston stated that the Weed Board received a resignation from William Stovall. It was E Mailed to Rob Schultz on December 13th and he has brought this forward to the Hall County Board. The Weed Board is comprised of representatives from the city and rural areas. It will be necessary to appoint some one for the unexpired term that will end January 2009. The board has 45 days to fill the vacancy. Stacy Ruzicka suggested that they could advertise January 1, 4 and 8 and schedule a special meeting for January 18 or 19. The board could take final action at the January 24th meeting. This person is to be elected at large from outside of the city limits. She also suggested having the applications due by 8:30 a.m. January 12th.

Jeffries made a motion and Arnold seconded to advertise the position January 1, 4 and 8 and schedule a special board meeting on Wednesday January 18 at 6:30 p.m. The resumes will be due in the Board Assistant's office by 8:30 a.m. January 12th. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

13 DISCUSS AND APPROVE FUNDING FOR REPAIRS TO BOOKMOBILE – Rye stated that the generator on the bookmobile has failed and the repairs are expensive. The Library Board is asking for assistance from the county to repair the generator. It is estimated that it will cost \$3,000.00 to \$4,000.00 to repair it. It will have to be sent to the manufacturer to do the repairs. Rye suggested using funds in the miscellaneous general budget to help do this project.

Rye made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve funds in the amount of \$4,000.00 for repairs to the bookmobile generator. Discussion was held to put some dollars aside for repairs that may be necessary in the future. Lancaster suggested discussion this at budget time.

Jeffries expressed concern that the county was going to pay for all of the repairs. The city shop looked at it and consulted with the manufacturer and it is necessary to return it to the manufacturers for the repairs.

Eriksen questioned if keno funds could be used and Board Assistance Stacey Ruzicka stated that all of the keno funds were allocated for this year. Discussion was held if the city should pay part of the repairs.

Rye stated that the city covers the routine maintenance but this was over and above the routine maintenance costs.

The voted on the motion to approve funding the repairs on the bookmobile was taken. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Held a board of equalization meeting

16 COMMENCE AUDIT OF BI WEEKLY PAY CLAIMS AND REGULAR CLAIMS AND ACTION ON CLAIM AUDIT - Lancaster noted claim # 05120485 regarding the theft of a knife that was in a hold box while a citizen attend a court hearing. It was recommended by the Hall County sheriff to deny this claim. She also noted some claims that were paid out of the wrong line item that need to be changed.

Hartman requested to pull the mileage claim for Jim Eriksen for review. Discussion was held and Stacy Ruzicka stated that she would print out the information from map quest for this claim.

The board held a break to review the claims.

Returned to regular session.

Discussion was held on the mileage claim. Mr. Eriksen requested to pull claim #05120441 and he will review it. It was discussed to have the print out from Map quest attached to the mileage claims so there is not a question. Discussion was held on the fuel claim to the Hall County Highway Department.

Jeffries made a motion and Rye seconded to deny claim #05-120485 and pull claim #05-120441 for clarification. The Claims in the building and grounds department budget will be changed to pay out of line item 2-1600 and claim number 05120475 be reduced by \$95.29. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Returned to the board of equalization meeting to finish tax correction notices.

BOARD MEMBER'S REPORTS – Hartman – no report

Humiston – He reported that he attended the economic development meeting.

Eriksen – no report

Rye – His meetings were all covered.

Jeffries – He reported that someone is moving into the house at the park. They will need to prepare an agreement prepared after the first of the year. He also reported that the park had Christmas lights up. The building and grounds committee will be advertising for a director for the county facilities.

Arnold – no report

Lancaster – She reported that the Senior Citizens Center has completed the addition and held an open house. She encouraged the board members to take time to go over there. She also stated that she attended some computer classes through the county.

NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Hartman noted that another long time employee has left and expressed concern.

Lancaster called for any other new or unfinished business and no one responded.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m. the next meeting will be January 10, 2006.

Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk